

REMARKS

The present application is directed to a method of detecting anti-tumor autoantibodies in an individual by detecting complexes formed by the binding of autoantibodies in a sample from the individual with tumor marker proteins isolated from a bodily fluid obtained from a body cavity or space in which a tumor is or was present or associated with in a cancer patient.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 12, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the Claims Listing did not include the amendments made to the claims in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed January 29, 2007. Applicants agree and submit herein a Claims Listing in which the claims include the amendments as filed on January 29, 2007. In addition, the claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to correct an error regarding a lack of antecedent basis.

With regard to the claim objections and rejections to Claims 13, 14, 17 and 18 set forth in the Office Action mailed April 10, 2007 and the Response filed July 5, 2007, applicants note that Claims 13-14 have been cancelled and Claims 17-18 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-8 and 11-12 are pending. Claims 9-10, 13-14 and 19-38 are cancelled. Claims 15-18 are withdrawn as directed to non-elected species. Claims 1-8 and 11-12 are amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims introduce no new matter.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 5, 2007. No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 11-0855.

Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the application be passed to issuance. If the Examiner believes that any informalities remain in the case that may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that there are any other issues which can be resolved by a telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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